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Re: U.S. Patent No. 5,970,656  
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Inventor Robert G. Maier  
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Sir:

A Certificate of Correction under 35 U.S.C. 254 is hereby requested to correct Patent Office printing errors in the above-identified patent. Enclosed herewith is a proposed Certificate of Correction (Form No. PTO-1050) for consideration.

It is requested that the Certificate of Correction be completed and mailed at an early date to the undersigned attorney of record.

The proposed corrections are obvious ones and do not in any way change the sense of the application.

We understand that a check is not required since the errors were on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office in printing the patent.

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**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

PATENT NO. : 5,970,656

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Col. 1, line 24, delete "sterner" and insert --Stern--.

Col. 6, Claim 14, line 1, delete "retaining" and insert --according--.

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